Rocks news

Mrs. Walter Anderson of Pamplin spent a weekend recently with Mr. and Mrs. Swanson Anderson of Farmville. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Card were weekend guests there. The Cards moved from Lynchburg to Farmville. Welcome back Bob and Paula.

Get-well wishes go out to Mrs. Nat Wilkerson of Tuggle who is not well. She is a cousin of Cassie Baldwin of Pamplin.

Ruby Jamerson entered the Baptist Hospital on Thursday Oct. 11. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Get-well wishes to out to Margaret Payne who broke her wrist. May she have a quick recovery.

A speedy recovery is wished Mrs. Stratton who was hit by a car at the Railroad Festival.

A speedy recovery is wished the Pierce baby who is critically ill.

There is no mid-week service at Rocks Baptist Church on Oct. 24 in order to go to Liberty Baptist Church.

Get well wishesd go out to Mr. Frank Thomas who is in the hospital after an accident. He is a brother of Mr. Jack Thomas of Evergreen.

Jack King died at Virginia Baptist Hospital on Friday. Funeral service at Robinson's Funeral Home in Appomattox Monday. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery. His wife was Odelle Ferguson of Appomattox. Sympathy goes out to the family and relatives.

Many attended the Home Coming at Salem Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 14.

There was a nice crowd at Rocks Sunday morning Oct. 14. The Mission Friends had the devotional for World Hunger Day. Many took part in the World Hunger offering.

Many attended the evening service at Old Rocks on topics spoken 158 years ago. About 103 attended from various churches. A picnic basket of finger foods was shared at the conclusioin of the service. There was no service at the church that night.

Congratulationsd to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday night. They won the anniversary cake from Food World. May they have many more.

Get well wishes go out to Trooper and Mrs. Rodney Roach of Lovingston for their grandson Bret Carter who fell and broke his arm.

Glad to hear the Rev. E. M. Terry is home from the hospital.

Bud Crain is in Lynchburg General Hospital for surgery. May he have a speedy recovery.

Christine Dickerson entered the Virginia Baptist Hospital on Thurday. May her stay there be very short.

A large crowd attended the 180th session of the Appomattox Association at Evergreen Baptist Church on Thursday night, Oct. 18. Jay and Laura Lee Stewart were the missionary speakers. Dan and Edna Carson were present also.

The last session continued at Hollywood Church on Friday night.

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Before Nov. 6 referendum

Farmers debate issue

Farmers in Appomattox County are of differing opinions on whether their county needs a zoning ordinance.

The question, "Shall Appomattox County have a zoning ordinance?", will be before county voters on the Nov. 6 ballot. Only voters who live outside the Town of Appomattox and the Town of Pamplin City will able to vote on the question, according to a recent Attorney General's ruling. A large percentage of those eligible to vote are farmers.

One of those who is opposed to zoning in any form is Stonewall District resident W. H. "Bill" Williamson. On the opposite side of the question are farmers who voted for the Farm Bureau's resolution supporting a fair and equitable rural zoning ordinance.

Williamson, who is a cattle and tobacco farmer and also a member of the Appomattox County Planning Commission, explains why he does not want zoning for Appomattox County: "I've got a very low opinion of zoning, myself. I think it creates more problems than it solves. It might help in some cases but I just don't like the concept of zoning, even partial zoning. I don't feel like it's necessary. Appomattox is a rural county and doesn't adjoin any built-up metropolitan area like Lynchburg.

A farmer who supports zoning is Edwin Anderson of Cloverhill. Anderson is president of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau, which last October passed a resolution in favor of zoning rural as well as more built-up areas of the county.

That resolution was passed by a majority of the organization's 175 members last year and reads: "We support a fair and equitable rural zoning ordinance." Listed as reasons for the resolution were "The time has come to have an orderly growth plan for the rural, residential and business segments of our county. Although there are problems with any zoning, we believe our county would be a better place to live and work with a fair and equitable zoning than with the present haphazard growth pattern."

Anderson said, "The members of the Farm Bureau include people closer to town who are worried about more development and land use more adapted to a town or city. It's natural the people farther out in the county are not affected and not as interested, but the way it is now, anybody can do anything they want. That's one of our concerns, that people can do anything with land, and we feel there should be some control.

"We think land use should fit a pattern. The way it is now houses are being built along main roads and the rest of the land is generally agricultural. Adjoining landowners have nothing to say about what their neighbors do."

The ultimate decision on whether Appomattox County will have a zoning ordinance rests in the hands of the members of the Board of Supervisors. All three have said they will follow the wishes of the voters.

A yes majority vote on the referendum would require the supervisors to adopt some sort of zoning ordinance, whether for the entire county or partial zoning around the Town of Appomattox and U. S. Route 460 and other developing areas.

A majority vote of no would not keep the supervisors from adopting zoning but would give them an indiciation of how most of the voters voting on that question feel about zoning for Appomattox County.

County tax tickets mailed out

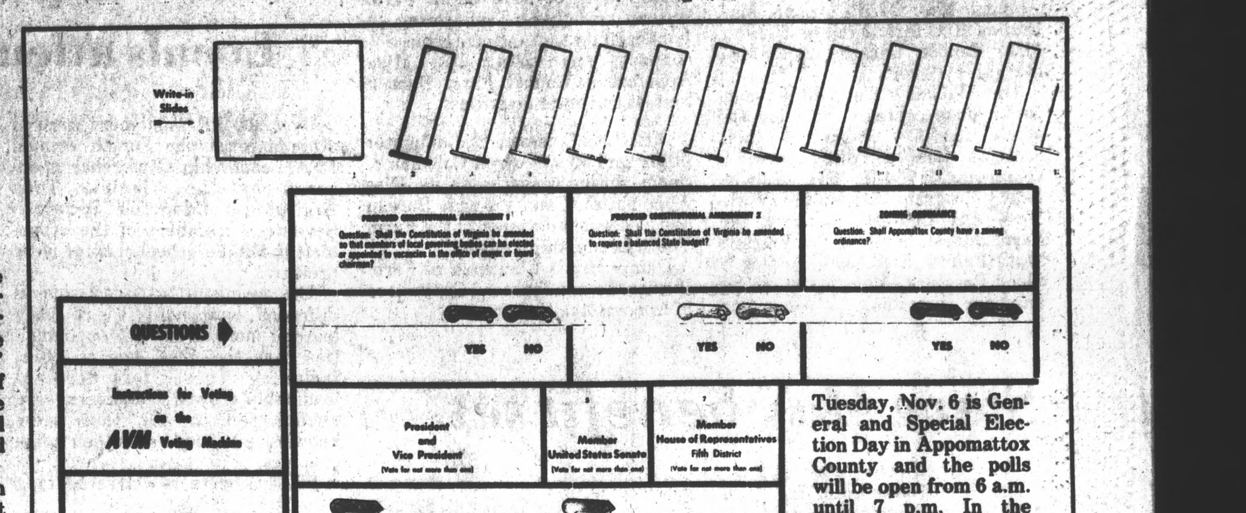
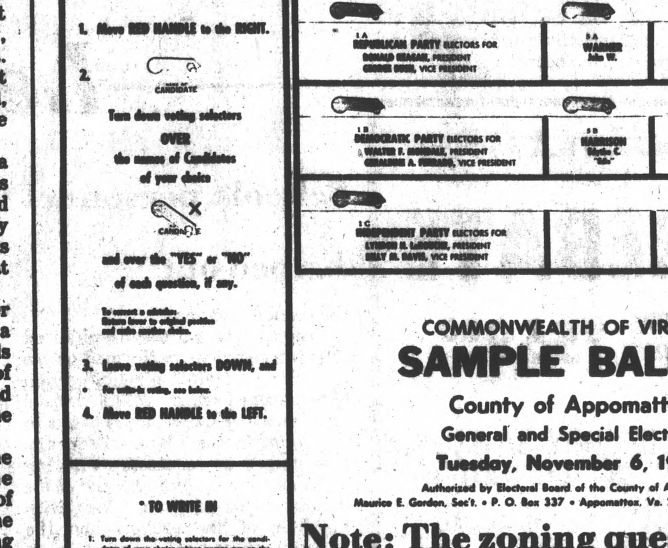
Appomattox County tax tickets for 1984 have been mailed out, according to Ida Campbell, county treasurer.

Anyone who did not receive their tax ticket is asked to call the Treasurer's office at 352-5200, or stop by the office in the courthouse square.

The deadline for paying taxes is Dec. 5, 1984. A ten percent penalty and ten percent interest will be added Dec. 6.

Campbell asks that county residents pay early to avoid crowds and additional costs.

The Treasurer's Office will be open Nov. 17 and Dec. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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Note: The zoning question will NOT appear on the ballot in the towns of Pamplin and Appomattox

Tuesday, Nov. 6 is General and Special Election Day in Appomattox County and the polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. In the contest for president, and vice-president, voters will choose either Ronald Reagan-George Bush, Walter F. Mondale-Geraldine Ferraro, or Lyndon H. LaRouche-Billy M. Davis. Two proposed Constitutional Amendments appear on the ballot. (1) "Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended so that members of local governing bodies can be elected or appointed to vacancies in the office of mayor or board chairman?" (2) "Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to require a balanced State budget?" The question, "Shall Appomattox County have a zoning ordinance'0" is an issue on which only Appomattox County residents may vote. Residents of Pamplin City and the Town of Appomattox do not have a vote in the question of zoning.

Spangler to visit here

Allen C. Spangler of Selinsgrove, Pa., the Supreme Governor of the Loyal Order of the Moose will be in Appomattox Friday for induction of a new class of members into the Appomattox Moose Lodge.

Spangler was elected Supreme Governor at the 96th annual international Moose convention in Chicago May 31. He has served as Supreme Junior Governor and Supreme Prelate of the Loyal Order of the Moose, and he has served as a member of the Supreme Council, the top governing body of the Loyal Order of the Moose, since being elected at the convention in Los Angeles in 1979.

Seventy new members will be inducted at Friday's ceremony here. The local lodge, with 350 members now, is one of only four lodges in Virginia which Spangler will visit this year. He visits 150 lodges each year.

The first class of the Appomattox Moose Lodge was installed in March of 1983. The 240 members inducted then marked the largest single class of new Moose members ever installed in Virginia.

Following Friday's induction ceremony, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., a dance will be held at the lodge, and there will be no admission charge for the new members. Other members are invited to attend, and may get their tickets at the lodge or from the secretary of the lodge.

Allen C. Spangler

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Voters face amendments Tuesday

By FRANCESS ABBITT

In the forthcoming Nov. 6 election a question before the voters will be, "Shall the constitution of Viriginia be amended so that members of local governing bodies can be elected or appointed to vacancies in the office of mayor or board chairman?"

Exactly what would a "yes" vote to this question mean?

In localities where the mayor or chairman of the board of supervisors is directly elected by the public, this amendment would remove the current Virginia constitutional provision which clearly prohibits the council or board of supervisors from appointing one of its own members to a vacancy in the position of mayor or board chairman. In localities where the mayor or board chairman is appointed by the council or board from its own members, the amendment would clarify the constitutional legality of these appointments.

Appomattox Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle, expressing his support of the amendment, has this to say, "Section 6, Article VII of the Constitution of Virginia should be amended to allow either a member of the council or the board of supervisors to be appointed by their respective governing body when a vacancy exists, for whatever reason, to the office of mayor or chairman."

"This is the logical order," Spiggle continued. "If not, you would deny your most qualified persons already serving on one of these bodies the right to move to the top position. Reason would tell you that certainly you would want someone appointed to these positions with experience and one familiar with municipal and local government affairs."

"This is a most important amendment and I urge everyone in the Town of Appomattox and in Appomattox County to vote "yes" on Nov. 6 for this needed change. Give your town council and your board of supervisors the right to appoint the most qualified person should the need arise," Spiggle concluded.

The amendment clearly applies to those localities in which the mayors or chairmen of the boards of supervisors are directly elected by the voters (as opposed to appointment by the governing body from its membership). This includes 12 of Virginia's cities, and the majority of the 189 towns as well as some counties. For the balance of jurisdictions in the state, the amendment ensures that present procedures for filling vacancies for the mayoral offices satisfy constitutional requirements.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings amid ideal October weather. My almanac says: "seasonable, then rain." We survived the time change. I find it easier to get up an hour later. However, next Spring will be anxious to be an early bird. Witnessed the ACHS Homecoming Parade. Take a bow, all those who participated. I found a parking place opposite the Court House, where enjoyed a vantage spot, along with Prin. and Mrs. Donald Armentrout, Atty. Tommy Lawson, Co. Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wingfield and many others. ACHS 27, Nelson H.S. 7. Coming up: Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, with my birthday coming on the first day of Winter, Dec. 21.

Wide-eyed, I delight in finding something new. And good. Doubtless you know about "Doughnut Holes." Deli salesperson, Lisa Mann, sold me my first dozen. They are round pastry balls, size of the hole of a doughnut.

Speaking of parades: will we have a Christmas Parade, complete with Santa Claus?

Ladies of St. Anne's Episcopal Church had a book sale and I purchased a copy of "Old Hickory," the story of President Andrew Jackson. Of special interest was his will, made in 1843. I'd rank Old Hickory in the top ten of our Presidents.

Did you notice the large number of pumpkins on porches and doorways around town just prior to Hallowe'en? Pumpkin pies? Or just carved into a Hallowe'en face.

For Bible students...Name the four earthly grandparents of Jesus. Start off with St. Anne. Add Joacnim. Frankly, I do not know the other two.

Spirit of giving. Thanks to Brightleaf for a new pipe. Here I go again, huffing-and-a-puffing.

My friend, Richard F. Burke, prominent local insurance man, is just back from a trip to Ireland. Had been there during WW II days. But that's not all. Brought me a copy of the Sept. 10, 1984, issue of The Cork Examiner and Sept. 8 issue of Irish Independent. In English. Especially enjoyed the classified adv. pages.

Several friends called my attention to a nice article about Slippery Rock College in Sunday's Richmond Times-Dispatch. I'll have to wear my Slippery Rock sweater again. They are 4-4 in football.

Richard Ferguson, star Appomattox distance runner, recently participated in the 26-mile Chicago Marathon. To do so, passed up the Sunday New York Marathon.

The Rev. V. L. Hudson, former area Baptist minister, stopped briefly in town Sunday.

Seems to me that traffic is heavier than ever on Route 460 through Appomattox. That is good. Last call for car inspections for those with No. 10 on windshield. Wrap-up item: The Washington Redskins did not look like a Super Bowl team Sunday. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Lions meeting set

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, Nov. 1 at the Country Fare Restaurant at 6:45.

The program will be a film presentation by the National Park Service.

Members are urged to attend.

Wood wins grid contest

Terry Wood of Lynchburg is the winner in last week's football contest. Wood, along with 10 other contestants accurately predicted the outcome of all games listed in the contest. One contestant accurately predicted the outcome of all games but failed to put a name on the contest page and had to be disqualified.

In the tiebreaker for second place, J.Forest Marshall of Appomattox was declared winner.

Other than Wood and Marshall contestants accurately predicting the outcome of the games last week were Bill Duncan, Crewe; Dorsey A. Patterson, Pamplin; S.M. Scruggs, Howard Anderson, David Bohannon, Kristie Mitchell, Alfred Bryant, and Jack Godsey all of Appomattox.

Wood will receive a check in the amount of $20 and Marshall will receive a check in the amount of $10 from the **Times-Virginian** for their winning efforts.

The popular football contest will continue this week in the sports section of the **Times-Virginian**.

C-of-C progress cited

With the end of its business year at hand, the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce has seen much progress in 1984, according to Lloyd Vaughan, chamber president.

At 122 members strong, the chamber is planning its most ambitious project to date, a trade show for Appomattox County, tentatively scheduled for the spring of next year.

In the past year, the chamber moved to a new office on Court Street, and employed a new secretary, Nelwyn Morris.

Appomattox citizens were made aware of the many products originating in Virginia, as the local chamber coordinated Governor Charles Robb's "We Have It Made In Virginia" campaign.

The chamber continued to support the community's major

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W. LLOYD VAUGHAN center, owner-operator of Appomattox Office Supplies, Inc. presents a check to Paul Drinkard, left, for the annual Appomattox Volunteer Fireman's gift of appreciation. Looking on is Police Chief for the Town of Appomattox James Ford. Ford and Drinkard will continue to collect funds for the firemen through the month of November. [Photo by Bill Sherrod]

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